



Make History Come Alive!

Become a Docent at your local Historic Park

California State Parks invites friendly people who love to learn to volunteer.

Discover the stories of the Sonoma Barracks and the Toscano Hotel & Kitchen (*both at Sonoma State Historic Park, in the city of Sonoma*) in our first training session of the new year. Docents are specially trained to lead tours and explain exhibits.

Volunteering offers many benefits!

Help share our region's rich history with international visitors, school groups, newcomers, and locals. Meet new and interesting people, enhance your public speaking skills, and contribute to your community!

Training sessions are free!

Four training sessions are held annually, each training covering a different park historic site.

Registration & Training:

- The next 3-day docent training session will be held on **February 20th, 21st, and March 5th**.
- This session will focus on the Sonoma Barracks and the Toscano Hotel & Kitchen, with docents becoming certified to lead tours at those locations.
- Each day's training is four hours or less.
- After completion of the training session, docents are asked to spend three hours per month providing tours on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays.



Did you know...?

Established in 1823, Mission San Francisco Solano is the most northern of the missions, and the only one built under Mexican Government rule. The **Sonoma Barracks** were originally built to house Mexican soldiers, but after the Bear Flag Revolt in the late 1840's, were an important American army post for the new state of California.

The history of the **Toscano Hotel & Kitchen** (founded in the early 1850's) reflects the diversity of people who passed through the city of Sonoma - sailors, merchants, gold miners, railway workers, and immigrants who formed so much of Sonoma's current economy and culture.

California State Parks supports equal access. Prior to arrival, individuals with disabilities who need assistance should contact the park via the information below.

For information and to register for this **free** training, contact **Ari DeMarco** at **(707) 939-2149** by **February 12th**.